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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a small rural county and I chose a local internet provider, GorgeNet, over twelve years ago for my home. I have been incredibly happy with them, the services they provide, the great customer service and the reasonable prices for their services. I have been a customer long enough to go from dial up to DSL to wireless service over the years and I am impressed that GorgeNet continues to offer the same great services for low costs to me. During an ice storm a couple years ago my satellite fell was pushed off my roof and they were right out when I called to fix the situation; even though they did not cause it.

At my office I was a former customer of Century Link but in our small rural county you could not access all their services and the rates were higher for the limited access and speed you could get. Their customer service was a joke as you were routed to a different state and not always the same one. There were often outages with their services. My bills for their phone and DSL services were outrageous but I felt I had no option.

Then GorgeNet installed new fiber lines in our small town and I made the switch to them at the office. GorgeNet is the best service! I love the new fiber service for both phone and internet. My speeds are lightening fast and the costs for services are half of what Century Link charged for less of service.

Shame on you if you allow no competition in the broadband market and or push out the local providers to offer great services for less money with local services. If you were to force out the local providers in my area I would be stuck with only one choice and this would be unacceptable!

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